

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 11 have been amended. Claims 27-46 have been added. Claims 13-26 have been allowed.

Claims 2-4, 8, and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 11. Applicant submits that the amended independent claim recites a combination of features deemed allowable by the Examiner. In accordance, claim 1 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Claims 2-12 depend on claim 1 and are therefore believed allowable for at least the reasons given above.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of added Claims 27-46 which are believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Claims 2-4, 8, and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 27 includes the limitations of claim 1 and claim 2. Applicant submits that the new claim 27 recites a combination of features deemed allowable by the Examiner. In accordance, claim 27 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Claims 28-37 depend on claim 27 and are therefore believed allowable for at least the reasons given above.

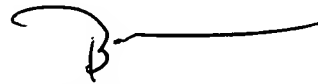
Claim 38 includes the limitations of claim 1 and claim 8. Applicant submits that the new claim 38 recites a combination of features deemed allowable by the Examiner. In accordance, claim 38 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

Claims 39-46 depend on claim 38 and are therefore believed allowable for at least the reasons given above.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-46100/BNK.

Respectfully submitted,



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